

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The
Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its
goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media
market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current
media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public
interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the
broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately
demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have
had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of
media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more
limited.

A people cannot be free when the public airways are controlled by a small
group of capitalists. You are shutting off the lifeblood of a democracy.
If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open,
informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

Thomas Jefferson's comment about a free press being more important than
any other aspect of LIBERTY is more valid today than any time in our
nations history.

You must not allow these chnages to take place. I am ashamed of your
stance on this issue and demand that you stop this action immediately.

Thank you,

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